



Mashpee

A Connected Community

August, 2019 Update
Superintendent Patricia DeBoer
It's GREAT to be in MASHPEE for you, for me, for us.



Dear Mashpee Community,

It's hard to believe that the summer of 2019 will soon be over. On Tuesday, September 3rd, our amazing first through twelfth grade students will return. We are looking forward to the 2019 - 2020 academic year with great enthusiasm and optimism. All Mashpee Public School employees returned on Tuesday, August 27th, and Thursday, August 29th, for two professional days. In addition to welcoming back our dedicated and talented veteran team members, we also celebrated the following outstanding educators who have chosen to join Team Mashpee:

The **Coombs School** (KCC) welcomes Edrina Boroyan (kindergarten teacher), Jennifer Amento (special education teacher), Kelly Farwell (long-term substitute special education teacher), Inesa Mahoney, Michele Burd, Nadja Carbone, Jamie Vincent, Helen Rose, and Chaela Walker (paraprofessionals), and Ashley Rockefeller (recess monitor). Liesl Keller is the new music teacher at KCC, transferring from MMHS. We are also very happy to welcome Debra Goulart as the Coombs School Assistant Principal.

The **Quashnet School** (QS) welcomes Lauren Maggiacomo (counselor), Shannan Madden (special education teacher), Tim Souza (grade 3 teacher—transferring from KCC), Kate Milde (paraprofessional), Amy Demers (paraprofessional—transferring from KCC), and Kim Chisholm (recess monitor).

The **Mashpee Middle-High School** (MMHS) welcomes Laishona Vitelli (science teacher), Kristine Mastrogiacomo (ELA teacher), Lindsay Gonsalves (special education teacher), Justin Clark (PE teacher), Kiersten Bohl (social sciences teacher), Kristina Frazer (media arts teacher), Emily Mills (music teacher), Rhonda Sharpe (ELA teacher), Ben Ouimet (math teacher), Karen Assad (ELA teacher), Mike Mannix (social sciences teacher—transferring from QS), and Joe Augusta and Rashida Plummer (paraprofessionals).

We are also happy to welcome Consuelo Carroll as the district's new Outreach Coordinator and Sandra Pacheco as an administrative assistant for the special education department—transferring from her paraprofessional role at KCC.

We are very grateful to the Mashpee Department of Public Works for all the work they completed during the summer to ensure that our students and staff have the very best facilities in which to teach and learn. The custodians, maintenance workers, and grounds crew worked through many hot days so that everything is ready for Tuesday's opening.

The student day at the Mashpee Middle-High School is 8:20 AM – 2:50 PM (Grades 7 – 12); and at the Quashnet and Coombs Schools, the student day is 9:05 AM – 3:35 PM (Grades K – 6). Bus routes are posted on our website and also appear in today's Mashpee Enterprise. More information related to SY19-20 student schedules are available at: <https://www.mpspk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=56>

There are many reasons to be proud of the Mashpee Public Schools. We are a small, student-centered school system that thinks BIG. Our innovative partnerships, programs, and learning experiences set us apart from other districts. We live by a "whatever-it-takes" mindset. This year, we are asking all members of our connected community to go that one degree further and experience achievements that they never thought were possible.

We look forward to expanding opportunities to build and nurture a connected community that is filled with strong partnerships and productive relationships designed to improve the educational outcomes for every Mashpee student while also enriching the lives of all involved. One such partnership is with the Masonic Angels organization. They recently donated school supplies for all of our Mashpee learners (PreK – 12). Each school received notebooks, pocket folders, composition books, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil boxes, and more. With this generous donation, students in need will also be provided with supplies for homework. The Masonic Angels are also supporting the "Quashnet Cares" program, which was formed last year to provide supplemental food and household items to Quashnet families in need. One component of this program provides students with food to consume when they are not in school (weekends and

vacations). It costs \$150 per year to sponsor a qualifying child. All donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to make a donation or learn more about the program, please contact Mrs. Jane Emery or Principal MaryKate O'Brien at the Quashnet School. Through their Bee Hive program, the Masonic Angels have committed to supplying this program with food products and nonperishable items twice a month. The Kiwanis Club of Mashpee has also made a commitment to support ten students per year for the next three years. These are examples of the benefits of being a connected community where everyone is working together to ensure the best possible outcomes.

We are grateful for the opportunity we have been given to serve the families of Mashpee. Through our use of a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) framework, every student has access to instruction, curriculum, and an environment that ensures achievement of his/her academic and social/emotional projected growth. Thank you for trusting us with your children.

As Rita Pierson says, every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and who insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. The children of Mashpee are embraced by a CONNECTED COMMUNITY that is filled with champions—and for that we are very grateful!

PLEASE STOP IN AND VISIT US AT #WeAreMashpee, OUR OUTREACH SITE LOCATED AT 11 GREENE STREET AT THE MASHPEE COMMONS.



Most new members of "Team Mashpee" are pictured here.

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